

Re: violent television programming & children:

I ran across this looking for something else... but it is my view that the violence on television not only affects children but adults. You can't watch nightly news hyping all the world violence every night and feel balanced and safe. People are notoriously bad at estimating risk, what is the point of the hype other than to sell airtime? Certainly the knowledge of violence is necessary to make policy decisions in this imperfect world, but it should be presented with community discussion, not commercials, and not used as entertainment.

As for children's exposure to violence, in specific, unless they have strong input otherwise, they will grow up with this influence as a "normal" part of their lives. In some way they may see violence as socially acceptable, and it should not be.

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